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**Sen. Campbell Files Bill to Address Quarries and Concrete Plants in Texas Hill Country**

AUSTIN – State Senator Donna Campbell filed Senate Bill 208 today to extend requirements for setbacks, or buffer zones, around aggregate facilities. If passed, the bill would double the current 440 yard requirement between concrete plants or quarries and existing residences, schools, and churches to 880 yards, or a half mile.

The proposed change is the result of multiple discussions with Kendall and Comal County residents after Vulcan Materials proposed expanding their operations in the Hill Country, including opening a concrete batch plant 500 yards from a Montessori school.

"As a Hill Country resident, I share my neighbors' deep desire to preserve our natural resources while managing growth vital to the community," said Senator Campbell. "This bill will add valuable protections for families that will enhance our quality of life and ensure the health and safety of our children."

SB 208 is one of several pieces of legislation Senator Campbell plans to file this session to improve accountability and monitoring of aggregate facilities, concrete plants, and quarries as they operate closer to neighborhoods and schools in unincorporated areas of Texas counties.

"The aggregate industry plays a vital role in our state's economy. We are fortunate to have many businesses who have been great neighbors for years. I am confident that they will support this common sense approach to do what's best for Texas."

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*Senator Donna Campbell is Chairwoman of the Veteran Affairs and Border Security Committee and represents Senate District 25, including all of Comal and Kendall Counties.*